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“Oh, Jim! I’m tho thrilled. I’ve never been to a football game before, but I’ve heard tho much about them that I’m thure I’ll jutht love it!”

“I’m sure you will, Mary. It’s an exciting game, all right. I used to play when I was in high school. Good sport, too, I got hurt several times, but it’s all in the fun.”

“Fun? I don’t thee that it would be tho much fun to be hurt. Oh, Jim, I do tho hope that no one getth hurt today. I jutht couldn’t bear it. Especially, if he bleedth. I alwayth faint at the thight of blood. Oh, I know it ith thilly, but I’m not at all bloodthirsty. Oh, Jim! Ith that the team coming out? My, they look funny, don’t they? Are they really ath lumpy ath that?”

“No, Mary, that’s just the padding they wear for protection. It’s a rough and tumble game. I’m sure you will be as crazy about it as I am, before the game is over.”

“My, what a lot of them. Do they all play at onth?”

“No--just eleven of them. The rest are the scrub team.”

“Thcrub team? Oh, yeth, of courth--I thuppothe they would have to have. Thort of valeth (valets). They probably do get dirty, if the game ith tho rough and tumble. I remember when I wath a child, I uthed to get awfully dirty playing ‘Hide and Go Theek.’ Jim, why are they all booing the playerth?”

“They’re the players on the opposing team, Mary.”

“Ith that any reathon why they should boo them? I think that’th thimply rude!”

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